

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application claims 1-11, of which claim 1 is independent. No claims are added or cancelled.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments address mere formal matters and neither broaden the scope of the claims or otherwise require substantial consideration on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Specifically, the phraseology of the dependency of claims 10 and 11 has been corrected. Claims 10 and 11 refer to claims 1 and 2, respectively, exactly as before, thus no change in scope has been made.

The amendment to claim 1 addresses a translation error in which the reference to the “space for moving the sheet processing means” has been recited twice in the final two lines. The second recitation has been removed. Applicant submits this merely improves the clarity of the claim and in no way alters its scope.

Applicant submits that the above amendments improve the form of the claims and improve their readability without altering their scope. Entry of those amendments is respectfully sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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